

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning at page 1, line 9 with the following amended paragraphs:

Co-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,546,182, Application No. 09/855,305, entitled "Angled Fiber Termination And Methods Of Making The Same" (Attorney Docket No. M-11564 US), filed on May 15, 2001, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Another co-assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,661,962, Appl. No. 10/001092, entitled "Optical Element Support Structure And Methods Of Using And Making The Same" (Attorney Docket No. M-11130 US), filed on November 15, 2001, is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.